Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, May 29th, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met last night, His Worship Mayor Meredith presiding, and Aldermen Birrell, Labatt, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Brown, Stringer, Moore, Becher, Hyman, Boyd and Hunt in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Clerk read the following

COMMUNICATIONS:

From Geo. Deacen, Robt. Alford and Henry Yates, asking to be allowed to extend their stalls in the market Bazaar to the East. No. 8.

From John Bonsor, in reference to his cellar being flooded. No. 2.

From Ann McDonough, asking remission of taxes. Mary Reed and Margaret Donnelly, to the same effect. No 1.

An account from the FREE PRESS Printing Company, for $196.90, was referred to No. 1 Committee.

NUMBER TWO.

Ald. Browne (chairman) reported as follows:—

(1) That accounts amounting to $606.50 be paid; (2) that the boundary question be dealt with by a special committee; (3) that the amount and privileges be granted the militia authorities for the establishment of the camp on Hon. Mr. Carling's farm, as was granted last year, and Mr. Carling be communicated with in reference to procuring the use of the farm; (4) that the Forest City Bicycle Club be granted the use of the Exhibition Grounds on the 2nd July; (5) that the petition of A. B. Powell & Co., asking permission to erect a cross sign and lamp be referred to the Council; (6) that $1,100 be placed to the credit of the Park for gravel, hose, lawn sprinklers, green house plants, horse hire, repairing seats, labor, four additional lamps, etc.; (7) your committee has pleasure in laying before you the City Engineer's report for the necessary improvements throughout the city for the current year, amounting in all to $23,000.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

Clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4 passed.

On the fifth clause being read Ald. Cowan moved that the prayer of the petition of Messrs. A. B. Powell & Co. be granted.

Ald. O'Meara seconded Ald. Cowan's motion.

The petition was filed on motion of Ald. Boyd, seconded by Ald. Stringer.

The yeas and nays were called for as follows:—

Yeas—Birrell, Labatt, Hyman, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Moore, Boyd, Becher.

Nays—O'Meara and Cowan.

Ald. Birrell moved the adoption of the sixth clause.

Ald. Becher moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the amount be reduced to $900 for Park purposes.

The amendment was lost.

The yeas and nays were called as follows:—

Yeas — Cowan, Skinner, Stringer and Becher.

Nays — Birrell, Hyman, Labatt, Hunt, O'Meara, Browne, Moore, Boyd.

Ald. Hyman moved, seconded by Ald Labatt, that the clause be amended by inserting $1,000 instead of $1,100. Carried.

When clause seven was read Ald. Cowan moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the $15,000 be granted for public works.

The mover spoke strongly in favor of the amendment.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment to the amendment that $10,000 be granted for public works.

Ald. Becher seconded Ald. Hyman's amendment.

Ald Hyman—I will withdraw my amendment to the amendment in favor of Ald. Cowan's amendment.

Ald. Becher moved in amendment to the amendment that the sum recommended by the Engineer be reduced to $16,000, and that it be referred back to the Engineer, to report to Committee No. 2 for the expenditure of that sum in the city to the best advantage.

Ald. Skinner seconded.

Ald. Cowan withdrew his amendment.

Ald. O'Meara moved in amendment that the grant be $8,000, seconded by Ald. Boyd. Lost.

The yeas and nays were called as follows:—

Yeas—O'Meara, Boyd.

Nays—Balance of Council.

The amendment of Ald. Becher was then carried on the following division:—

Yeas—Labatt, Hyman, Hunt, Cowan, Skinner, Stringer, Moore, Becher.

Nays—Birrell, O'Meara, Browne, Boyd.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment that the report of the Engineer be referred to No. 1 Committee, seconded by Ald. O'Meara. Lost.

NUMBER THREE.

Ald. Hunt (chairman) reported from this committee as follows:—(1) That Mrs. Chapman, living on Colborne street, be granted $1 per week in addition to present allowance; (2) that the Murray family, Wellington street, and the Lynch family, Priddis Lane, be each granted $1 per week; (3) that the Inspector notify Manville & Co. that they must comply with the by-law referring to for-hire wagons; (4) that Mrs. Webb receive $2 per week for keeping an idiot girl until arrangements are made for her removal to the asylum; (5) that the petition of William Peel be referred to the Inspector to report on; (6) that the communication of R. James be filed; (7) that the claim of John Eggott for damage to vegetables in basement of Covent Garden market be not entertained; (8) that Fire Department accounts amounting to $351.99 be paid; (9) that His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Cowan and Stringer wait upon the President of the Gas Company respecting the unsatisfactory way the street lamps are attended to; (10) that the Engineer be instructed to have gas pipes laid in the new addition to the City Hospital, and that the contractor for carpenter work be requested to go on with his part of the work at once; (11) that two dozen quilts be purchased by the Chairman and Dr. Wilkinson for use at the Hospital; (12) that O'Mara Bros. be granted permission to extend their stall in the Market Bazaar ten feet eastward on payment of an additional rental of $2 per month, the lease be for three years with the privilege of five; (13) that clause No. 5 in report of No. 2 Committee be referred back to that committee with the recommendation that tenders be asked for running the street sweeper.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

Clause one was amended by making the grant $2.

The other clauses passed without discussion, and the report was adopted as amended.

RELIEF.

A by-law was read three times and passed, legalizing the changes recommended by the Special Committee in reference to the granting of relief, made some time ago, the main features of which are to take the granting of relief out of the hands of Aldermen, and placing it with the Mayor and Inspector.

NUMBER ONE.

Ald. Hyman (chairman) reported from No. 1 Committee as follows:—(1) That accounts amounting to $391.99 be paid; (2) That the petitions of Ellen and Jane Harris, for remission of taxes for 1882, be granted; (3) That the petitions of D. Nolan and Alex. Farquhar, for remission of sewer rate, be filed; (4) Report progress in the petitions of Sarah Henry, E. C. Christie and Barbara May; (5) That no action be taken in the communication of the assessors until after the Court of Revision have completed their labors; (6) That the contract for printing and advertising be awarded to the *Advertiser* Printing Company; (7) That J. Burridge be allowed a rebate of $100 in his rent for 1883; (8) That the petition of F. A. Fitzgerald, for rebate of taxes, be filed; (9) That the petition of R. Galpin, for remission of income tax, be filed; (10) That the communication of D.D. Hay, relating to emigration of skilled laborers, be filed.

The report was adopted.

CITY BOUNDARIES.

Ald. Hyman moved, seconded by Ald. Hunt, that Ald. Stringer's motion for an extension of the city boundaries receive the three months' hoist.

Ald. Cowan moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that No. 2 Committee report on the subject. Lost.

Yeas and nays were called as follows:—

Yeas—Stringer, Cowan and Moore.

Nays—Birrell, Hunt, Labatt, Hyman, O'Mara, Browne, Skinner, Boyd and Becher

Motion carried.

ABSENT MEMBERS.

Ald Stringer moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that in future any member of a committee of this Council being absent shall appoint a substitute, so as to facilitate the business of the committees. Referred to No. 1 Committee to report.

WATER FOR LONDON SOUTH.

Ald. Birrell moved, seconded by Ald. Hyman, that this Council recommend the Water Commissioners to collect from residents of London South one rate and five-eighths for water on and after the 1st of June next.

Ald. Stringer moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Cowan, that the matter be referred to No. 3 Committee to report. Lost.

Ald. Becher moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the matter be referred to the Water Commissioners. Carried.

MUSIC.

Ald. Boyd moved, seconded by Ald. Hunt, that $400 be granted to the Seventh Fusileers Band, on condition that they hold one concert in Victoria Park on Wednesday evening of each week, and that if the night is not favorable then on a subsequent evening.

Ald. Skinner moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Becher, that $200 be granted.

The amendment was lost.

The yeas and nays were recorded.

Yeas—Cowan, Skinner, Stringer, Becher.

Nays—Birrell, Labatt, Hyman, Hunt, O'Meara, Moore, Boyd.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment that $300 be granted, seconded by Ald. Labatt, and that the band be granted the use of the Park to hold a concert on the evening of the 2nd of July. Carried.

The Council adjourned for two weeks.